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Advisory Action

Application No. Applicant(s) 08/894,788

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	a) 📋	expi	pires months from the mailing date of the final rejection.		
	b) 🔀	is la	pires either three months from the mailing date of the final rejection, or on the mailing date of this Advisory Action, whicheve ater. In no event, however, will the statutory period for the response expire later than six months from the date of the final ection.	r	
	date oi determ	n which	ion of time must be obtained by filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a), the proposed response and the appropriate fee. The ich the response, the petition, and the fee have been filed is the date of the response and also the date for the purposes of the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. Any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17 will be from the date of the originally set shortened statutory period for response or as set forth in b) above.		
	Appel period	llant's d for r	's Brief is due two months from the date of the Notice of Appeal filed on (or within any response set forth above, whichever is later). See 37 CFR 1.191(d) and 37 CFR 1.192(a).	,	
Ap _l but	olican is NC	t's re)T de	esponse to the final rejection, filed on $\underline{Dec\ 9,\ 1999}$ has been considered with the following effect, eemed to place the application in condition for allowance:		
X	The p	ropos	osed amendment(s):		
	□ w	/ill be	e entered upon filing of a Notice of Appeal and an Appeal Brief.		
	X w	will not be entered because: Ithey raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. (See note below). Ithey raise the issue of new matter. (See note below).			
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			ey are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the ues for appeal.	1	
		they	ey present additional claims without cancelling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.		
	NO	TE:	The proposed amendment to claim 31 would require further consideration, because "topically applied " v not presented in the original claims.	vas	
	□ A -	pplica	cant's response has overcome the following rejection(s):		
	Newl	ly pro	oposed or amended claims would be allowable if submitted in a timely filed amendment cancelling the non-allowable claims.		
			avit, exhibit or request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condit ance because:	tion	
		The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.			
X	For purposes of Appeal, the status of the claims is as follows (see attached written explanation, if any):				
	Claim	ns allo	lowed:		
			pjected to:		
	Claim	ns rej	ejected: <u>31-38, 40-54, and 56-66</u>		
	The p	propo	osed drawing correction filed on hashas not been approved by the Examiner.	,	
	Note	the a	attached Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s)		
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